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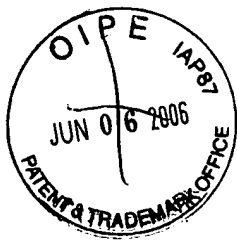
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RENEWED PETITION TO MAKE
SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d) &
M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII,
ACCELERATED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

A petition to make special the above-identified application in accordance with MPEP § 708.02, Item VIII, accelerated examination was filed October 17, 2005. A decision DENYING the petition was mailed May 18, 2006, for which this RENEWED petition is being submitted. The application has not received any examination by the Examiner.

It is understood that a Petition Fee is not required, as this is a renewed Petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 20-1430 that may be associated with this Renewed Petition.

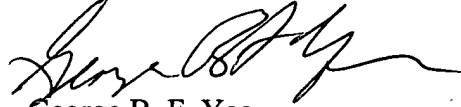
The decision noted that the petition met the requirements set forth under M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII. It further noted, however, that an IDS filed (Oct. 20) subsequent to the petition made statements that were inconsistent with statements made in the petition. This RENEWED petition addresses the inconsistency.

The petition accurately asserted that the references cited therein were identified in a pre-examination search performed by an independent patent search firm.

The IDS incorrectly stated "no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information." The IDS was filed as a precautionary measure to guarantee that the references cited in the petition would be considered by the examiner irrespective of the outcome of the petition.

However, since the petition appears to be proper but for this inconsistent statement, the undersigned retracts the "no representation" statement made in the October 20 IDS. The references cited in the IDS are the same references as identified in the petition. The references cited in the IDS were, in fact, identified as a result of a pre-examination search performed by an independent patent search firm.

Respectfully submitted,



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